

Committee on Equal Opportunities
Council on Postsecondary Education
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Waivers of KRS 164.020(19)

The CEO asked for regular reports regarding institutions that choose to adopt a waiver of the standards of KRS 164.020(19) in order to implement new degree programs. The statutes establish the Council's responsibility to approve the offering of new degree programs (KRS 164.020(14)) and also limit an institution's eligibility for new degree programs (KRS 164.020(19)) by the requirement that an institution meet its equal opportunity objectives.

The Council has authority to grant a temporary waiver of the requirements of KRS 164.020(19). Administrative Regulation 13 KAR 2:060 establishes criteria for determining an institution's compliance with equal opportunity objectives and for the granting of a temporary waiver to a state-supported postsecondary education institution that has not met its objectives.

Two universities and one community and technical college qualify to receive a waiver during the 2009 calendar year. One institution, Morehead State University, is requesting a waiver of KRS 164.020(19) at the April 20 meeting.

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